



REQUEST FOR COUNCIL ACTION

MEETING DATE: August 7, 2023
PREPARED BY: Tim Bush, Fire Chief
AGENDA ITEM: Tuition aid - Scheunemann

PREVIOUS ACTIONS:

None

RECOMMENDED COUNCIL ACTION:

Motion to approve completion of a Bachelor of Science degree plan in Fire Science Administration for Brandon Scheunemann, assistant fire chief, utilizing distance education through Waldorf University, Forest City, Iowa.

COMMENTS:

Brandon Scheunemann has been a member of the Maple Grove Fire Department since December 2019. He is currently the assistant fire chief of professional standards and training in the Maple Grove Fire Department.

Brandon's goal is to complete coursework and obtain a Bachelor of Science in Fire Science Administration. He must complete 21 credit hours in order to fulfill Waldorf University's requirements for graduation. Waldorf is accredited by the Higher Learning Commission (HLC). The U.S. Department of Education recognizes HLC as one of six regional institutional accreditors in the United States.

This request was reviewed by the fire chief and city administrator in accordance with City Personnel Policy Article 32 – Training and Development. Brandon Scheunemann will request tuition reimbursement upon approval of this plan and successful completion of each individual class, per Article 32. Funds for tuition reimbursement are included in the fire department budget.

ATTACHMENTS:

Attachment A: Scheunemann tuition aid request
Attachment B: Bush recommendation - tuition aid request